

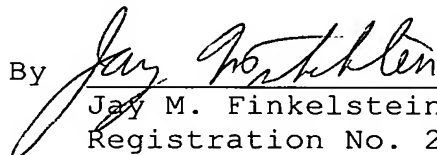
REMARKS

Claims 1-14 presently appear in this case. The amendment to claims is made to eliminate all multiple dependencies so as to reduce the filing fee. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee. None of these amendments are "narrowing" amendments. No limitations are added and none are intended.

Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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